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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL SITUATION IS FLUID AND AMBIGUOUS RIGHT NOW. US/EGYPTIAN DECISION TO EXCHANGE REPRESENTATIVES OF AMBASSADORIAL RANK APPEARS TO HAVE CREATED SOMEWHAT MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD US, ESPECIALLY AMONG MORE WESTERNIZED SEGMENTS OF EGYPTIAN SOCIETY.

MOST EGYPTIAN HOPE FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. HOWEVER, THIS HOPE IS STRONGLY TEMPERED BY DOUBT AND SKEPTICISM ABOUT US MOTIVES AND INTENTIONS AND DISTRUST OF ISRAEL. SOME EGYPTIANS ARE RELUCTANT TO FULLY ACCEPT IDEA THAT AFTER SO MUCH BITTERNESS, PARTIES TO CONFLICT CAN, THROUGH TALK OF RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS AND SIGNING CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, BURY THE PAST SO EASILY. MANY MAINTAIN THAT EFFECTIVENESS OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT DEPENDS MORE ON ARAB OIL STATES' PRESSURE ON US AND WESTERN EUROPE THAN ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S WORDS. MINORITY SEE KISSINGER VISIT AS PLOY TO GAIN TIME WHILE US AND ISRAEL MAKE PLANS TO RETALIATE AGAINST EGYPT AND OTHER ARAB STATES.

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USIS CAIRO ACTIVITIES WILL PERFORCE BE CIRCUMSPECT UNTIL
ATTITUDES TOWARDS US CLARIFY AND BECOME MORE POSITIVE.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. CAIRO PRESS STILL GIVING EXTENSIVE
COVERAGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S ARAB WORLD TRIP. WEEKLY
AKHER SAA AND AL-MUSAWWAR MAGAZINES FEATURED KISSINGER'S
PYRAMID AND SPHINX VISIT. AKHER SEA NOTED KISSINGER'S
"SHARP INTELLIGENCE, ABILITY TO LISTEN, ANALYZE AND JOKE
AT CRITICAL TIMES."

ITEMS CONCERNING AMBASSADOR EILTS' APPOINTMENT AND CAIRO
ARRIVAL APPEARED IN CAIRO PRESS FOR THREE DAYS.

3. POSSIBLE UPCOMING PROBLEMS. PRESS STILL ATTEMPTING
TO DEBUNK BBC AND VOA TREATMENT OF OCTOBER WAR. CARTOON IN
WEEKLY ROSE AL-YOUSSEF DEPICTED THOSE WHO LISTEN TO BBC AND
VOA AS DONKEYS.
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